GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NURSERY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present structure of pre-primary education;

(b) whether the Government proposes to review the structure;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is lack of uniformity in pre-primary education in all the private schools;

(e) if so, the requisite age for admission in nursery at present;

(f) whether pre-primary education is mandatory for admission to class-I;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) whether the Government is aware that admission in nursery schools in metros is continued to be given to the affluent classes of society; and

(i) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b)&(c) Though the subject of "education" is in the concurrent list of the Constitution of India, no regulatory framework for the pre-primary education has been laid down by Government of India. There is no proposal at present to review the existing arrangement.

Government of India, however, is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme viz. Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS). Pre-primary education is one of the six services included in the ICDS Scheme and is provided by the Anganwadi worker from the anganwadi centres set up under the scheme. Number of beneficiaries of pre-primary education in the ICDS is 271.27 lakh as on 30.9.2006.

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(i) Such matters are not monitored/regulated by Government of India at present.